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## **Minutes 11/18/2013**

**TOWN OF ARLINGTON**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, November 18, 2013**  
7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Dunn, Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Vice Chair, Mr. Greeley, Mr. Byrne and Mr. Curro.  
Also Present: Mr. Chapdelaine, Mr. Marlenga and Mrs. Sullivan.

Mr. Dunn opened the meeting with a moment of silence for the tragic crime that occurred on Newland Road regarding the loss of life of four family members of the Scott Jones Family.

Police Chief Ryan spoke on the tragedy stressing the following points:

- Thanked Town Manager Chapdelaine for his leadership and communication management style through this tragedy.
- Expressed the great job as well as the overwhelming task the first responders dealt with during this tragedy. The departments will ensure all responders' wellness by stress debriefing over the next few days.
- Expressed to the community that there was no public safety issue to worry about and asked for patience and support as they continued to investigate a difficult crime scene.

### **FOR APPROVAL**

1. **CONSENT AGENDA** (one vote required for approval of all items)
  - a. Minutes of Meetings: November 4, 2013  
Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0-1)  
Mr. Dunn abstained.
2. **Introduction: New Town Counsel, Douglas W. Heim**  
Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager  
The Selectmen welcomed Attorney Heim and look forward to working with him starting in mid-December.

### **LICENSES & PERMITS**

3. **Request: Class II License, (location move from 251 Summer Street)**  
Thomas P. McDermottroe d/b/a McDermottroe Auto Sales, 36 Rear Dudley Street  
Mr. Greeley moved approval subject to conditions set forth. SO VOTED (5-0)
4. **CITIZENS OPEN FORUM**

There were no matters presented for consideration of the Board.

### **TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS**

5. **Request: One Space Residential Handicap Parking @ 75 Dorothy Road**  
Nanhun H. Safraneck  
After some discussion the Selectmen agreed that an overnight on-street parking permit would more suit the needs of Ms. Safraneck.  
Mr. Curro moved approval of overnight on-street parking. SO VOTED (5-0)

6. Presentation: Vision 2020 Final Report on 2013 Town Survey

Mary Harrison, Vision 2020 Co-Chair

Ms. Harrison re-capped the results of the Vision 2020 survey that looked at residents' participation in Town government/other Town events, communication sources utilized by residents to learn of events/issues, volunteer activity and awareness/support of Town goals.

Selectmen thanked Vision 2020 and will utilize information from the survey in the future.

Mr. Greeley moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (5-0)

7. For Approval: Requests re First Lights Event

Jennifer Tripp, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

Charles Pappas, Chamber Member

Ms. Tripp requested placing lawn signs at the gateways to Arlington promoting the event.

Mr. Greeley moved approval of the lawn sign request.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Pappas requested restricting the parking space from Brigham's to the Cambridge Savings Bank during the event on December 7th 12/Noon-5:00 PM to allow more room for attendees.

Mr. Greeley moved approval subject to Police and Fire approvals.

SO VOTED (5-0)

8. For Approval: Opening of Warrant 2014

Mr. Greeley moved approval to vote the Warrant opening for the Annual Town Meeting: the Annual Town Meeting will take place on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. in the Arlington Town Hall. The Warrant will open Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. and will remain open until 12:00/Noon on Friday, January 31, 2014. SO VOTED (5-0)

9. Vote: Special Town Meeting, April 30, 2014

Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

After some discussion it was decided to research the time frame of the warrant opening and closing, possibly extending it to a later date.

Mr. Greeley moved to table this until the December 2, 2013 meeting. SO VOTED (5-0)

10. Discussion: Future BoS Meetings

The following were the agreed upon future dates for meetings:

December 16th & 30th (6:00 PM on the 30th meeting)

January 13th & 27th

February 10th & 24th

March 10th & 24th

April 7th, 14th & 28th

11. Proclamation: November is 'Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month'

Marlene Rockmore, Deborah Butler and Terry Lavin spoke on behalf of the importance of the need for more awareness and treatment options for pancreatic cancer.

Mr. Dunn read the proclamation designating the month of November 2013 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month in Arlington.

Mrs. Mahon moved favorable action of proclamation.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Correspondence Received

Bob Radochia  
45 Columbia Road

Tree-Planting Guidelines

Be Rec'd

Mr. Radochia requested a ban on planting trees in narrow strips along sidewalks. He stated that most municipalities require a four-foot-minimum width for planting strips in order to prevent sidewalk-heaving and root damage.

Mrs. Mahon referred the correspondence to the Town Manager and the Tree Committee.

SO VOTED (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Chapdelaine updated the Board on the work of the Route 128 Business Council exploring the different means of transportation in and around Arlington. More information will be available to report at a future meeting.

Mr. Chapdelaine reported that the salary study will become a final draft after two more sessions at which time it will be shared with the Board and become a public document.

Mr. Chapdelaine informed the Board of a "save the date" of January 9th 4:00PM-8:00PM for a public meeting regarding the Parking Study of Arlington Center (location to be determined).

Mrs. Mahon asked Mr. Chapdelaine to report back on a snow plan for this winter and asked for it to include research on the Town purchasing a snow melting machine.  
Mrs. Mahon announced that the High School Varsity Cheerleaders placed fourth in the Regionals and the Pop Warner C Squad placed second in the Regionals and will be heading to Florida to compete in the Nationals.

Mr. Curro commented that the Arlington Human Rights Commission wants to reconvene the Response Coordination Team to reaffirm the team's existence, discuss public statements and provide relevant updates. He is willing to serve as the ad hoc member to replace a former Selectmen appointee to the team. Mrs. Mahon suggested this be an agenda item vote on the December 2nd meeting to formalize this appointment.

Mr. Byrne thanked and commended Mr. William McCarthy for his work on the Veteran's Day Parade. He stated both Police and Fire Honor Guards performed a nice tribute to the veteran's.  
Mr. Byrne asked the public to keep in their thoughts all of the first responders in today's tragedy.

Mr. Greeley congratulated Mr. Byrne on his great speech as keynote speaker at the Veteran's Day Parade and thanked him for representing the Selectmen.

Mr. Dunn reported that the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical High School submitted a preliminary design program with five options and appears they are on the right path.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 8:45 PM.

SO VOTED (5-0)

A true record: Attest

Mary Ann Sullivan  
Selectmen's Office

Next scheduled meeting of BoS December 2, 2013.

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Agenda Item    Documents Used

- 1    November 4, 2013 Minutes-draft
- 2    Douglas W. Heim Resume
- 3    Class II Application - T. McDermottroe
- 4    -----
- 5    Parking Application - N. Safranek
- 6    2013 Vision 2020 Survey
- 7    Chamber of Commerce Request
- 8    Warrant Opening for Annual Town Meeting
9.    Warrant Opening for Special Town Meeting
10.    -----
11.    Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Proclamation
- C.R.    B. Radochia Letter